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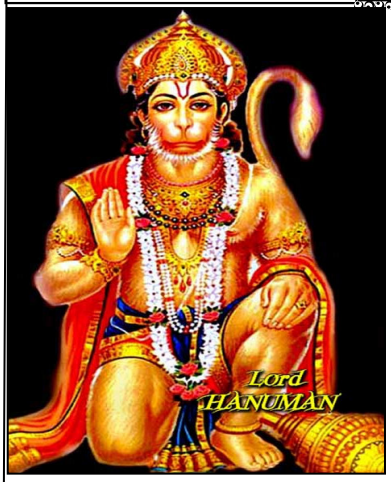

HSGC cordially invites all the devotees to join in

SHRI HANUMAN CHALISA PATH

108 times recitation

Dec. 4th Sat. 2010 8am to 1pm

पवन तनय संकट हरण, मंगल मारुति रूप
राम लखन सीता सहित ह्रदय बसहु सुर भूप

लाल देह लाली लसै, अरु धर लाल लंगूर
वज्र देह दानव दलन,□ य □ य □ य कपि सूर

Event is soponsored by-

Mr.& Mrs. Satish & Usha Agrawal ,Family

For details please call

Acharya KailashJi 513-652-5382. Temple 513-528-3714,Kiran Dayal 474 4051, Dr. Umakant Patel 985- 0844.

Hanuman Chalisa is a very powerful devotional work that has been left to posterity by Goswami Tulsidas whose devotional work – Ram Charit Manas has revolutionized Bhakti movement by enabling common man to recite the glorious legend of Shri Rama in his native tongue (Awadhi). Hanuman Chalisa has been found to be highly effective in controlling the evil effects of Saturn transit or Saturn's major/ minor periods. Those who are under such influences will get benefitted by chanting the Chalisa for 108 times on Saturdays.Hanuman Chalisa praises Lord Hanuman the Foremost Devotee of Lord Shri Rama. Shri Hanuman is the epitome of Selfless Service, Courage, Humble disposition, and Bhakti all rolled into one. In Hanuman Chalisa last Choupai 38,39 Tulsi das ji says ---

Jo sat baar path kar koi, chhutahi bandi maha sukh hoi
Jo yah padhai Hanuman chalisa , hoi siddhi sakhi Gaurisa

One who reads this Hanuman Chalisa one hundred times will be released from all bondage and sorrows. One who reads Hanuman Chalisa will attain perfection without blemish. Saint Tulsidas says that Lord Shiva Himself is the witness. He will guarantee that you will attain perfection. If you look at it logically, if you chant Hanuman Chalisa every day, it will create noble thoughts in you. Then you will want to know its real meaning. It will help purify your mind. Once you start your search in this direction, all your energies are directed to this goal, and you will attain liberation. So you have to make a beginning somewhere. With diligence and effort, and you will succeed. Every Tuesday 6:45pm to 7:45pm 5 times Hanuman Chalisa path is being done by our dedicated hundreds of devotees. Anyone who wants to learn or experience , please join us on every Tuesday in Temple **Siyavara Ramchandra ki Jai, Pavan Sut Hanum**

Acharya Kailash Sharma

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RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

Sundays 12:15 - 12:45 PM

First Sunday : Upanishads

Second Saturday : 1008 Gayatri Jaap
Second Sunday : Children Program

Third Sunday : Sunder Kand Path

Fourth Sunday : *Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path*
Fifth Sunday : Jagannath Puja

Members of the community are invited to speak on topics related to Hindu religion, philosophy, culture, reformation, Gurus, self-preservation, etc. If you would like to talk or like to suggest someone who may be interested, please contact Amita Gupta.

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Pooja as well as bring Prasad and Lunch. You may wish to use this occasion to celebrate important events such as wedding anniversaries,birthdays, ishta devata pooja, graduation and other memorable days. Events can be hosted by individuals, families, group of families or organizations. Please reserve your Sunday of choice ASAP by putting your name and phone-no in the calendar at the temple & calling pooja committee members Amita Gupta or Meena Sondhi.

TEMPLE SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday :	9:00AM-12:00 Noon 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturday, Sunday & US Holidays:	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SPECIAL PROGRAM ON WEEKENDS

9:15 - 9:30 A.M.
Suprabhatam
9:30 - 11:00 A.M.
Daily Pooja of Temple Deities
11:00 - 11:30 A.M.
Sponsored Pooja
11:30 - 12:15 A.M.
Bhajan
12:15 -12:45 P.M.
Religious discourse
12:45-1:00 P.M.
Birthday and Anniversary pooja and announcements

Please Donate Generously

Your Temple needs
1. Sponsors for flower $50/week
2. Sponsors for Sunday pooja
3. Your support

2010 POOJA COMMITTEE & RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES MEMBERS

Kiran Dayal (Acting Chair):	474-4051
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Mohan Chopra

2. I/C Swami Lectures
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Aashish Shah

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Vijay Kumar Sharma

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Dilip Patel (I/C)

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Pooja Information

RATES FOR POOJA & PRIEST SERVICES|

SERVICES	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	$101.00	—
Aksharabhyas	$101.00	$151.00
Anna-Prashanam	$101.00	$151.00
Ashta Prakari Pooja*	$101.00	$151.00
Ashtottharam (108) Archana	$21.00	—
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebra.	$101.00	$151.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	—	$151.00
Griha Pravesh	—	$151.00
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/Sita)	$121.00	---
Kesh Khandan (Churakaran)	$101.00	$151.00
Naam-Karan	$101.00	$151.00
Navagraha Pooja	$101.00	$151.00
Nischitartham (Engagement)	$151.00	$251.00
Baby Shower Pooja	—	$151.00
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	$101.00	---
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)- (Only During Off Winter Season)	$101.00	---
Regular Archana	$11.00	—
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	$51.00	---
Sathyanarayana Pooja	$101.00	$151.00
Seemantham	$101.00	$151.00
Devi Jagaran	$75.00	$101.00
Akhand Ramayan Paath	—	$151.00
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day Celeb.)	$101.00	$151.00
Anniversary celebration	$101.00	$151.00
Suprabhat Seva	$21.00	---
Unjal (Swing) Seva	$31.00	---
Upakarma (Thread changing)	$51.00	---
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/ Thread Ceremony	$151.00	$251.00
Vahan Pooja	$51.00	----
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	$101.00	$151.00
Wedding	$301.00	$501.00

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

	Full day	Half day
Monday -Thursday	$301	$151
(except holidays) Friday, Saturday & Holidays	$501	$351
Sunday after 3PM only —	**$351**	

Note: For half day select one of the two:
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM **OR** 4:00PM to 11:00 PM
Temple rental applies to all private reservations for those events/poojas that are performed by private parties and not announced in the temple.
Security/ Cleaning deposit: $151 required.
This deposit will be forfeited if the basement hall bathrooms and kitchen area are not cleaned by the party
renting the place.
NOTE: To schedule a Pooja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact pooja Committee chairperson only.

Pooja Committee Announcement:

To schedule a Pooja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact Kiran Dayal at 474-4051
If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact any EC Members or Temple at 528-3714.

1. **Archana** performed during temple hours by sponsorship. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
2. **Outside poojas** and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only.
3. To **schedule any poojas** please contact Pooja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance.
4. If you would like to bring **food and prasad** in the temple, Please contact Pooja Committee chairperson .
5. **Cancellations** of pooja should be done 3 days in advance or else the full fee for the pooja will be charged.

SPECIAL POOJA RATE

Rates for Mata Ki Chauki performed at another temple will be 15% of the money collected at the temple or a minimum of $ 501.00.

1. Poojas performed by priests outside the temple will be rated according to the number of poojas performed.
2. 50 Cents/Miles for Travel expense to the Priest to perform pooja at your home.

Rates are subject to change without notice. *Rates of Poojas out of Greater Cincinnati will be $100.00 more than the rates of outside pooja within greater Cincinnati area.*

C H E C K O U T
http://newbhagavadgita.blogspot.com/2010/04/shock-treatment-in-bhagavad-gita.html

POOJA SAMAGRI

For convenience of Devotees, Temple can now provide Pooja Samagri for all inside and outside Poojas.
Donation for Puja Samagri is as follows
$ 21 for any Pooja
$ 31 for any Pooja including Havan/Hom
For more details please contact
Kiran Dayal 513-474-4051
Amita Gupta 513-336-8782

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

SUNDERKAND CD (sung by **Acharya Kailash Sharma**)
AVAILABLE in Temple Gift Shop for **$ 10.**
The money raised will go to temple.

Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

Monthly Navgrah Pooja Every first Saturday of the Month Dec 4
Sponsors needed for Pooja $51.00
For Details call
Kiran Dayal at 474-4051;Temple priests:528-3714

Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA
4th Saturday of each month ,
from 10:30 AM-12:30PM.
To sponsor and details please call any of the following: Anand Konda:481-4119; Vasundhara Dasari:777-3353
Suseela Paturi:481-8591; Surendra Hanumanthanna:661-8733
Pandit Sri Srinadh Bhattar:528-3714

Monthly Murugan Abhishekham /Pooja
Every second Saturday of the Month
Dec 11 Saturday 4.00pm Sponsor Murugan Group.
Kiran Dayal at 474-4051; Temple priests: 528-3714

1008 Gayatri Jap
Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM
For details please contact temple priest at 528-3714
or Kiran Dayal at 474-4051

Monthly Satya Narayan Pooja
On Every Purnima of the Month
6:30 pm
Sponsorship $ 51.00
To sponsor pooja call
Kiran Dayal at 474-4051
Temple priests: 528-3714

Weekly Shiv Mahiman Stotram
Every Monday at 6:30pm

Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path
Every Tuesday at 6:30pm

Monthly Shri Ganesh Pooja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path
Every 4th Sunday of the month 10:30AM
This pooja is dedicated to each month's
Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.For more information & Sponsor the pooja please call
Jyoti Divekar : 204-8037 Mangal Nemade : 234-8373
Kiran Dayal at 474-4051 Temple Priests:528-3714

Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana
Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place Every Thursday at 7:00 pm . Please join us for the chanting.
For more information, please contact Temple priest s: 528-3714

Weekly Venkateswar Pooja Every Friday at 6:30pm
To sponsor pooja please call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051Temple priests: 528-3714

Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati Membership Information

If you are not already a member of HSGC, please join today and participate in all temple activities and enjoy all the festivities. This year HSGC has inaugurated a new ELITE Membership* at midlevel as listed below.

The membership donations are as follows:

Receive 'Aradhana' Annually: $21.00 (Suggested donation)

Annual Individual Membership: $51.00

Annual Family Membership: $101.00

Life Membership: $1001.00 (One year spread, two checks)

*Elite Membership: $5001.00 (Three year spread, three checks)

Patron: $10,000.00 (Three year spread, three checks)

Membership Forms are available at the Gift Shop in the Temple.

Please also use the form to update your address. If you know someone who has moved out of town let us know. We would appreciate it. For more information please call temple at (513) 528-3714

or Any member of Executive Council (See pg 2 for all names and phone numbers)

Membership and Fundraising Chair is Raneshwar Gupta 513-232-3331

Dec. 2010

Dec. 4th Sat. 108 Hanuman Chalisa Path 8am to 1pm followed by Aarti & Prasad

Sponsored by -Mr.& Mrs. Satish & Usha Agrawal ,Family

Dec. 4th Sat. Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship $51.00

Dec. 11th Sat. 1008 Gayatri Japa 9:30am Everyone welcome

Dec. 11th Sat. Murgan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship $101.00

Dec. 12th Sun. Sunderkand Path 10:30am Sponsored By – Deepa Bhatt & Family

Dec. 16th Thur. Dhanurmaas Bigins

Dec. 17th Fri. Geeta Jayanti (Actual Day)

Dec. 19th Sun. Geeta Jayanti Celebration GEETA PATH 10:00 am

Dec. 20th Mon. Satya Narayan Puja (Purnima) 6:30pm Sponsorship $51.00

Dec. 25th Sat. Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am

Dec. 26th Sun. Ganesh Puja & Athrvasheersh path 11am

JANUARY 2011

Jan. 1st Sat. New years day Havan 11am

Jan. 1st Sat. Mata Ki Chouki 4pm to 8pm

Sponsored by- Dr. PremShankar & Kiran Varma ,family .

Jan. 1st Sat. Navgrah Puja 3pm Sponsorship $51.00

Jan. 8th Sat. 1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am

Jan. 9th Sun. Sunderkand Path 10:30am

Jan. 13th Thur. Lohdi (Punjab)

Jan. 14th Fri. Makar Sankranti /Uttarayan

Jan. 16th Sun. Makar Sankranti /Pongal Celebration ,Murgan Abhishekam 10am

Sponsorship -$101.00

Jan. 19th Wed. Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship $51.00

Jan. 22nd Sat. Venkateshwar Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship $51.00

Jan. 30th Sun. Jagannath Puja 11am

KAILASH MANSAROVAR : A DIVINE JOURNEY

With the blessings of our family, friends, and community from Cincinnati, Ohio, destiny came our way as we started our divine journey to Mount Kailash in Tibet. We were amongst the fortunate few who trekked to the abode of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. Our journey began on August 28th from Kathmandu, Nepal. 19 Yatris, along with a crew of experienced guides from Himalayan Glacier Trekking Company, took off in a luxury bus with our packed luggage, tent equipment, and cooking logistics. Several hours into driving through curvy Himalayan roads, we arrived at the border of Nepal-Tibet, in a small village called, Tato-Pani (hot springs). Upon arrival, we discovered the Tibet immigration has closed for the day. We checked into a small hotel and headed for the Hot Springs bath that evening. Over the several days, we traveled through the high plateau of Tibet, enjoying the views, singing and laughing, eating and acclimatizing, and most importantly being with our inner selves. This forbidden land with its rugged terrain, yet with a spiritual heart, is a mysterious place on earth that showers the whole world with peace from its "roof of the world". The religious and adventurous passion took us to these spiritual heights of 19,500 feet trekking and climbing on the foothills of Mount Kailash, Tibet. On September 1st early afternoon, we arrived to the dazzling lake Mansarovar. This creation of God is among the most famous and highest fresh water lakes in the world. The shadow of clouds in the water of Mansarovar Lake appeared like gods watching over and blessing us from heaven. Here we prayed, meditated, and took a holy bath. Our 53 Kilometer Parikrama of Mount Kailash started on the cold morning of September 3rd. Some of us travelled by foot while others on horse. Today, it felt as if the heavens had opened up for us and allowed us to peek inside the world of gods and goddesses. We walked 18 kilometers through the valley guided by Holy Ganges River on our left and shadowed by Mount Kailash on our right. The feeling of today can only be experienced by one and not described…

Over the next few days, we trekked through rugged terrain up to the height of 19,500 feet Dolma-La pass which is the highest point on the parikrama. It was beautifully decorated with arrays of prayer flags. Upon arrival, we prayed and quickly started our journey downhill towards Guari Kund. Next several hours were trekked through the beautiful green valley with streams and surrounded by high snow capped mountain peaks with waterfalls. Upon arrival to our camp sites, we were greeted by our crew with hot tea and dinner. Tonight, we were the neighbor to the Lord's home. We awoke with a smile on our faces like a kid in a candy store…J Back in saddles and on foot; we started toward the completion of final day's parikrama. The laughter and joy echoed through the valley until we reached to our Toyota Land cruisers that awaited our return at the bottom of the valley. We traced our way back to Kathmandu, Nepal. Suddenly, hours before reaching Kathmandu, the sad feeling took over us as we left the spiritual land of Tibet.

What kind of a journey is this? To some it is adventure. To some it is to get away from the crowded world to escape. To some it is a religious site to visit. The journey is not only a trekker's dream, but the place where one can converse with their inner self. In a single journey to Kailash, we travelled several years ahead, experiencing the feeling of pain, struggle, and triumph together. The experience is a complete life. We experienced Kailash-Mansarovar. We celebrated Life!

By, LINA PATEL

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of December

Happy Anniversary *

Sudhir & Vandana Bhardwaj, Manish & Tapasya Chaturvedi, Prabir Roy & Ashwinw Chaudhury, Archish Desai, Sharad & Jasleen Goel, Debashis & Barnali Gupta, Prashant & Shyamala Jagtap, Krishna & Jayanti Kool, Ravin & Hardi Rindani, Kiran & Suma Saraff and Jagjit & Raj Bala Yadav

Happy Birthday**

Mickey Ahuja, Roopa Amberkar, Rajappa Asthagiri, Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam, S. Batra, Meeta Bhardwaj, Lakshmi Brahmamdam, Tapasya Chaturvedi, Mahadevan Devanathan, Maria Georgjersky, Saptarshi Ghosh, Dhruv Goyal, Sanchi Gupta, Tanvi Jagtap, Sonali Jain, Arjun Jindal, Sonam Jindal, Gital Karamchandani, Hema Karamchandani, Payal Kohli, Jayanti Kool, Gopi Kovilam, Nithya Krishnan, Pisharath Krishnan, Smrithi Mahadevan, Neena Nayak, Anand Narayana, Ria Parikh, Rohan Parikh, Babubhai Patel, P. Ramamoorthy, Latha Rao, Raina Rindani, Manmohan Sharma, Ruchi Sharma, Shachi Shukla, Shivank Singh, Vinod Sirimalle, Akhila Sonti, Nishant Sreekrishna, Manish Srivastava, Ashok Tandon, Rupal Upadhyaya, Shankar Vishwanathan, Niket Yadav and Raj Yadav

*(Celebrated on the first Sunday of each month in the temple.)

**(Celebrated on the second Sunday of each month in the temple.)

If you would like to include your name in the above lists, please call Raj or Shakuntala at 513-733-1537.

APPEAL REGARDING ROAD REPAIR

Dear Devotees,

As you are already aware, due to the severe weather we had this past winter, both sides of the Temple road conditions have deteriorated & need immediate repair and attention. This project requires patching up the holes and thick blacktop from the main gate all the way to the back of the Temple where the dumpster is on both sides of the road. We want to start this repair project as soon as possible. As you know it will require around $50,000. We want all members and devotees to share the cost. Please donate generously for this project as it is for the safety of all of us. The sooner we start the process, the cheaper the overall repair cost will be. Any checks from $100.00 to $500.00 for this project will be greatly appreciated. Please be sure to mention on the check that it is for the road project. Also, we welcome any help or advice on this issue. For any further details or questions, please contact the undersigned.

Raneshwar K. Gupta

Membership and Fundraising Chairperson 513-232-3331

HSGC – Executive Council
Meeting Minutes– October 3, 2010

Present: Krutarth Jain (President), Deepak Dixit (Secretary), Prasad Megada (Treasurer), Laxmi Srivastava (Temple Manager), Raneshwar Gupta (Fundraising Committee Chair), Kiran Dayal (Pooja Committee Co-chair), Shiv Sharma (Maintenance Committee Chair)

Absent: Ambikaipakan Balasubramaniam (Vice President), Sulbha Midha (Cultural Committee Chair) Anisha Singh (Religious Education Committee Chair), Geeta Mehan (Editor – Aradhana)

Minutes:

A. Four new carpets ($200 each) will be acquired as we often run into a shortage of carpets for larger programs.
B. Additional 50 chairs will be acquired for upstairs as many of the attendees are handicapped.
C. There need to be very clear set of instructions and guidelines for use of kitchen. Krutarth Jain and Laxmi Srivastava will develop the instructions and signboards for display in the kitchen.
D. Another gas line in the kitchen may also be considered for safer operation in the kitchen.
E. Shiv Sharma will look into the consumption of paper products since it has doubled over last year.
F. The temple has received a technical approval for the Barg Salt Road entrance from Clermont County. Approval is still needed from the Union Township.
G. An advisory board of past presidents will be constituted to make recommendations on various issues such as financial, legal, and immigration as many issues have a long history and need past perspective. There are a total of 7 past presidents.
H. Common contact phone numbers and calling trees will be determined in order to respond to emergencies.
I. Deepak Dixit will investigate use of web based email and document management. This will make the record keeping more secure. Deepak Dixit will investigate it.
J. The executive committee appreciated the hard work done by the cultural committee for conducting a very successful event "Naach-Sitare." The committee is considering making this an annual event. The committee will also ensure that this event does not interfere with other major temple events such as the annual mela.
K. The annual meeting of the Hindu Mandir Executive Conference will be in Houston from Oct 22nd to Oct 24th. Mohan Chopra will represent HSGC in this event.
L. Satya Majethi and Subodh (?) will be asked to consider local musical talent as well for fund raising events.
M. Amar Sharma will function as the treasurer during the absence of Prasad Megada who will be visiting India from Oct 17th to mid-December.
N. The Pooja committee will acquire sweets for up to $2,000 for Diwali. Sponsorship for this will solicited by the Pooja committee.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This newly started support system by the Temple is intended to reach out to a silent social issue in our community. We have already helped a few people who have reached out to us.
This is done under total anonymity/ secrecy.

Do not be afraid to reach out if you need help and do not know what to do.
With the support of various support groups and agencies, it is possible to have a better life.

You are not alone.
Call
Geeta Mehan for EC
513-754-0400

Stop Being Who You Were.... Change Into Who You Are

"One always has to know when a stage comes to an end. If we insist on staying longer than the necessary time, we lose the happiness and the meaning of the other stages we have to go through. Closing cycles, shutting doors, ending chapters whatever name we give it, what matters, is to leave in the past the moments of life that have finished.

Did you lose your job? Has a loving relationship come to an end? Did you leave your parents' house? Gone to live abroad? Has a long-lasting friendship ended all of sudden? You can spend a long time wondering why this has happened. You can tell yourself you won't take another step until you find out why certain things that were so important and so solid in your life have turned into dust, just like that. But such an attitude will be awfully stressing for everyone involved: your parents, your husband or wife, your friends, your children, your sister, everyone will be finishing chapters, turning over new leaves, getting on with life, and they will all feel bad seeing you at a standstill.

None of us can be in the present and the past at the same time, not even when we try to understand the things that happen to us. What has passed will not return: we cannot forever be children, late adolescents, sons that feel guilt or rancour towards our parents, lovers who day and night relive an affair with someone who has gone away and has not the least intention of coming back. Things pass, and the best we can do is to let them really go away.

That is why it is so important (however painful it maybe!) to destroy souvenirs, move, give lots of things away to orphanages, sell or donate the books you have at home. Everything in this visible world is a manifestation of the invisible world, of what is going on in our hearts and getting rid of certain memories also means making some room for other memories to take their place. Let things go. Release them. Detach yourself from them.

Nobody plays this life with marked cards, so sometimes we win and sometimes we lose. Do not expect anything in return, do not expect your efforts to be appreciated, your genius to be discovered, your love to be understood. Stop turning on your emotional television to watch the same program over and over again, the one that shows how much you suffered from a certain loss: that is only poisoning you, nothing else. Nothing is more dangerous than not accepting love relationships that are broken off, work that is promised but there is no starting date, decisions that are always put off waiting for the "ideal moment." Before a new chapter has begun, the old one has to be finished: tell yourself that what has passed will never come back. Remember that there was a time when you could live without that thing or that person. Nothing is irreplaceable. A habit is not a need. This may sound so obvious, it may even be difficult, but it is very important.

Closing cycles. Not because of pride, incapacity or arrogance, but simply because that no longer fits your life. Shut the door, change the record, clean the house, shake off the dust.

I read the above and was very much impressed by the message ....I hope you will be too. Take stock of your life and move on to the NEW IMPROVED YOU....it is very much in keeping with the philosophy preached by Lord Krishna.....the past is gone....The future is yet to come. the present is here....be in the MOMENT. Let go of 2010 with grace and get ready to embrace 2011.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all of you.....may you enjoy good health, peace and your families.

Community Directory Information

We are in the process of finalizing the Community Directory List....If you are still thinking about it, please send in your Registration Form by email or Postal Service.

We will be publishing the Advertising Prices in the January Issue of Aradhana. This Directory will reach the entire Community and will stay in homes for a long time ....so if you wish to reach a large audience, here is a great opportunity. You may call and book your space as early as you wish. Space will be made available on First Come basis.

If we have an Artist in the Community who would like to design the cover, please give us a call or send an email.

We are also looking for some valuable articles regarding India and Information regarding India that would be valuable to all. Please contact us if you have any suggestions.

Geeta Mehan

513-754-0400/ mehangeeta@gmail.com

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Signature: _____

Send this form only if you wish your name and above information to be published in Member Directory.

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BE A PART OF THE TEMPLE HISTORY
ADOPT A PART OF THE NEW ROAD

Good news, we finally got the permit to build a road from the Barg Salt Road gate to the temple parking lot. First it will help to give us a better access to the temple providing an access from a bigger two lane road. No more worry how to pass on Klatte Road when two cars are coming. Second, most important is that it will give us good chance to develop other projects such as retirement homes, Religious Cultural and Educational Center.

This center will have a main hall to provide enough space for big functions like Navaratri Festival, Musical Concerts and Religious National conferences. The proposed road has been divided into 20 equal parts. Each part will be identified by a light pole bearing the name of the family, any deity name or any organization name etc.

Guide Lines How to adopt the road.

Anyone who is interested in adopting the road must pay at least
$ 15,000 (fifteen thousands) by December 31, 2010,
Balance $ 20,000 by June 30th, 2011.

Selection of the road (numbered 1 thru 20) will be on first come first basis.

Plaque will read some thing like "Mr. X" _____Marg
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Laxmi Shanker Srivastava	(513) 474-0533.
Krutarth Jain	(513) 884-1259
Raneshwar Gupta	(513) 232-3331

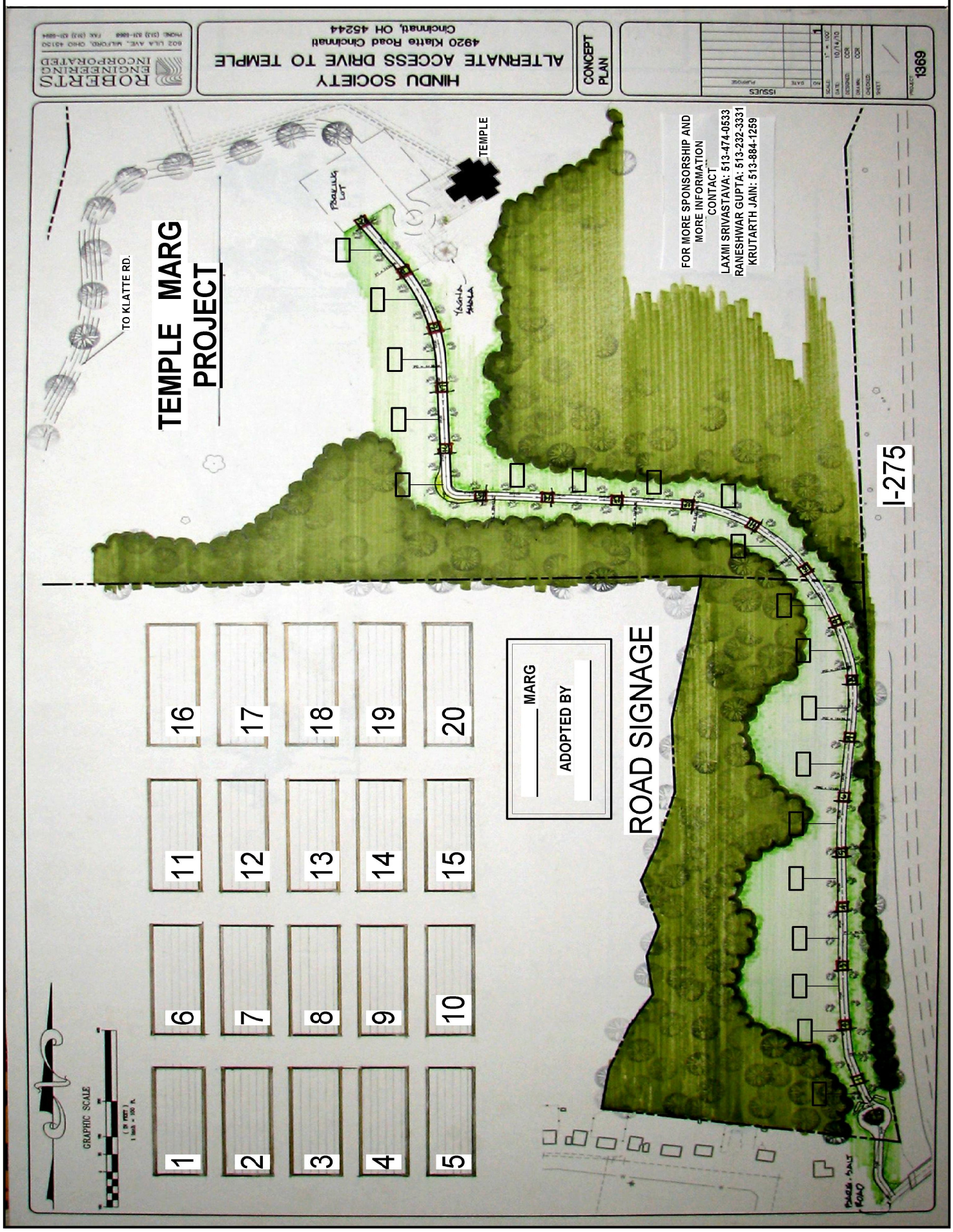
Lets recognize the members of the Long Range Planning Committee who worked very hard for more than a year with Robert Engineering Co. to achieve this.

Chairperson: Laxmi Shanker Srivastava
Project Manager: Vitthal Nemade , PE
Co-Project Manager: Munoo Patel, PE

Committee Members: Jitu Patel
Krutarth Jain
Bobba Choudary
Raneshwar Gupta

LOOK AT THE MAP ON PAGE 12 AND SEE WHICH PART OF THE ROAD YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT RIGHT NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME !!!!!

ADOPT A SECTION OF THE NEW ROAD AND BE A PART OF TEMPLE HISTORY



NOMINATIONS SOUGHT For Executive Council 2011

The term of the Current Executive Council expires on December 31, 2010, and the elections for Executive Council 2011 will be conducted during the General Body Meeting on Sunday, December 12, 2010 at 12.00 Noon. The Election Commission invites nominations for the following positions:

1. **President**
2. **Vice-President**
3. **Secretary**
4. **Treasurer**

Nominations are also invited for the positions of Chairpersons for the following committees:

1. **Religious Education and Youth Activities P**
2. **Pooja and Religious Activities**
3. **Communications**
4. **Membership and Fund Raising**
5. **Property Management & Maintenance**
6. **Cultural**
7. **Long Range Planning**

In addition, the Youth Group is requested to nominate **a Youth representative (22 year Max)** to serve on the Executive Council. This nomination must be endorsed by at least ten youth members

RULES

The nominations must be filed by December 11, 2010, 12.00 PM (mid-night) . All nominations must include the following information:

- Candidate's name and Phone number.
- Name and Phone number of the person proposing.
- Name and Phone number of the person seconding.
- Nominations can be submitted on plain paper , or phoned in to any member of the Election Commission.
- All candidates must be dues-paying members of the Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati in good standing for at least 12 months prior to Dec 1, 2010.
- For the position of the President and Long range Planning, a candidate must have actively served the Hindu Society of the Greater Cincinnati in an executive capacity for at least one year .

HSGC Election Commission :

Mohan Chopra, Chairperson, 859-331-2416 ; Anand Narayana, 513 793 8100 ; Siva Sivaganesan 513-563 2901

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To give you an idea of how great his poetry is, let me quote the following stanza from his book:

Blowing in the wind each poem is a petal,
Swirling at random, somewhere to settle,
Settling your way, maybe in your lap,
Bringing fragrance in life, latent powers to tap!

Although numerous copies of *Petals in the Wind* have already been sold, many more are still available. So far, Raj and Krishna Minocha have donated the entire proceeds from the sale of his book to the Hindu Temple. So, here is a chance for everybody. You can buy the book and enjoy Rajji's great poetry, and at the same time you can also help a charitable cause because all the money from the sale of the book will go to the Hindu Temple.

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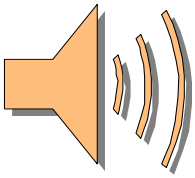
Y. Datta



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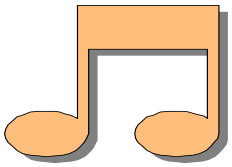

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Executive Committee President TALKS TO YOU

Namaskar, (11/10/2010)

Happy Diwali and Happy New Year to all devotees and HSGC volunteers. This is our last Aaradhana of the 2010 so I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Executive Committee (EC) of Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati (HSGC) and briefly summarize our temple activities.

As you know, The Temple was founded with the main objectives of promoting Hinduism and passing our heritage and traditions on to future generations. We have continued our objecting and expanded so The Hindu Temple serves as a focal point of not only religious, but cultural and social activities for our entire community, in the greater Cincinnati area.

We see Temple is an instrument to harmonize various sectors of Hinduism and groups from different regions of India – East, West, North and South. This is one of the only temple which integrate all vedic Gods. The Temple represents all deities and is open to all. We have very hardworking volunteers, EC and three outstanding panditjis who cater to our community and its unique needs. It is this kind of hard work that has allowed the Temple to make its mission a reality, and has continually led to the success of our many programs and events.

2010 was one the busiest years for the temple. We continued our services and initiated new programs; we collaborated with many organizations, including the World Hindu Council (VHPA), Hindu Awareness Foundation (D.C.), Hindu Mandir Executive Conference, Asian American Alliance, Interfaith Group, Indian American Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross and the YWCA etc. The Temple has participated in HMEC 2009 and 2010. We hope to participate in the 2011 conference in Columbus, OH where more than 180 temples will participate in learning and sharing.

We successfully hosted many world renowned Swamijis as well as many other prominent personalities in various religious functions. Pooja committee members as usual have worked very hard to make it successful. Cultural events like the Holi Program, Nach Sitaare, Mela, Navratri, were highly successful. We broke all previous attendance records for all major poojas and festivals. The most exciting update is the success of our Indian Heritage Class. The class meets every other Sunday and explores various topics in Hinduism and Indian history. This year the temple has partnered with VHPA and Indianapolis Temple to have a weekend-long youth camp. Next year we will have a day camp at the temple and a weekend camp outside of Cincinnati in natural settings.

Of course, these wonderful programs owe part of their success to the inviting and beautiful environment in which they take place. This year, we made many physical upgrades to keep our temple maintained to ensure that our Temple is indeed a Temple – a sanctuary for the community and a shrine to the values that bring us together."One of the most beautiful structures, inside and outside" is often heard from guests who visit the mandir and left comments on suggestion box and Guest Book.

We saw a need for new kitchen. It was badly needed and at present it is very widely used by community. Thanks to Jitu Bhai's initiative. Next year, our focus will be to repair existing road and parking repair. Yagna Shala is under review and will be done next year. Garbha Griha is making good progress. At present parts are being made in India and will be shipped for final assembly here sometime early part of 2011. Preliminary carpentry construction will start soon. The "Temple Marg Project", a new road from Barg Salt Road to the temple is under design phase and moving fast. We have divided the road in 20 parts open for adaptation. We will dedicate each section with a name to sponsoring organization, families or individuals. Stay tuned for new announcements.

We will continue to maintain transparency and will publish quarterly financial information via our newsletter. The Executive Council, which has 11 members, is the final decision making body elected every year. We are lucky to have a diverse council, representing a wide range of ages, professions and regions of India.

Become a member, stay in touch, donate your time and expertise also donate money. It is tax deductible and we strive to put it to good use, to the benefit of the entire community. We welcome suggestions from any and all individuals, and we strive to improve every year. Volunteers are always encouraged to participate.

On behalf of the HSGC, I would like to thank all the volunteers, including the EC and committees who make our temple one of the best in the US. To everyone, we appreciate your financial support and seva, and will continue to make the temple a beautiful place for all to seek solace, shelter, and uplifting. Again, Happy Diwali and a Prosperous New Year.

Yours Sincerely,
Krutarth Jain,
On behalf of EC 2010

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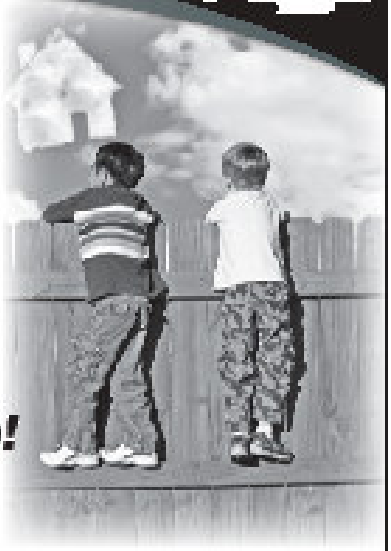

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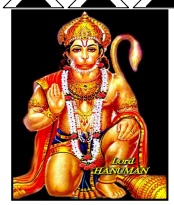

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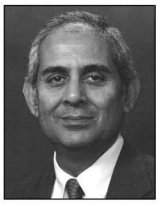

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